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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>		Application Number	09/481,396
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 2, 1995.  
See The America's Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicants may wish to consider filing a continuation/pending application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(d) (PTO/SB/15) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Proceedings Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000) (interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 1455 (June 20, 2000)), 1231 C.F.R. G.M. Pub. Office 47 (Aug. 17, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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As discussed during our telephone conference, please find attached a Petition to Withdrawal from Issue, Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Information Disclosure Statement.

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